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Neil House
Huntsville, Ala.

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Neal House.
Franklin Street,
Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama.

Ownership:

Present Owner: Miss Annie D. Neal.

Previous Owners: Luther Morgan.
General Hohn H. Morgan.
Stephen Neal.
George Neal.

Date of Erection: 1822 (original)
1850 (remodeled)

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Luther Morgan.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Two story brick structure; with
turret slave quarters in rear; central unit with wings;
small entrance.

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Additional Data: The Neal House, birthplace of General John H. Morgan, noted Confederate raider, was built by his grandfather, Luther Morgan, in 1822. Stephen Neal, who served as first sheriff of Madison county, 1809 to 1822 was the father of George Neal who purchased the house in 1850 and immediately remodeled, the result being a 14-room brick residence. Although more than eighty years have passed since it was altered, few signs of deterioration, are to be noted. Invading Federal troops in 1862 selected this to be used as Officer's quarters. They did not damage the property.

The house is entered from a terrace of native stone and through a large double door in an alcove and between two white columns. Inside is a small reception hall with drawing room on right and master bedroom on left. Five rooms on the second floor include a single chamber forming a tower over the entrance hall. Antique furnishings are of rosewood and mahogany. English ivy and Jackson vine adorning the brick walls, and a profusion of elms, magnolia, holly and boxwood retain the fascinating atmosphere of ante-bellum days.

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